

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-24 are currently pending in this application, of which claims 1 and 13 are independent. In the Office Action dated January 18, 2008, the Examiner rejected claims 1-10 and 13-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,000,187 ("*Messinger*") and U.S. Patent No. 7,080,327 ("*Bartz*") and rejected dependent claims 11, 12, 23, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of *Messinger*, *Bartz*, and U.S. Patent No. 6,061,695 ("*Slivka*").

Applicants submit that the Examiner issued the anticipation rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) in error. "Anticipation under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) requires that each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." In re Roberson, 169 F.3d 743, 745 (Fed. Cir. 1999). In making the anticipation rejection, the Examiner conceded that *Messinger* does not teach every element of the claimed invention, but contended that "it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include the teaching of *Bartz* in the invention of *Messinger*," to arrive at the Applicants' claimed invention. Applicants submit that at least because the Examiner conceded that the primary reference *Messinger* fails to show or suggest every limitation of Applicants' invention and presented no contention that *Bartz* does so in its entirety either, the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is improper. Accordingly, Applicants

respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-10 and 13-22 over the combination of *Messinger* and *Bartz* under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). For the purpose of this response, Applicants will address the rejection of claims 1-10 and 13-22 over the combination of *Messinger* and *Bartz* as an obviousness rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

In this response, Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 13. No new subject matter has been added. Support for the amendments may be found, for example, at page 24, paragraph 94. Applicants submit that amended claims 1 and 13 and their respective dependent claims 2-12 and 14-17 overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Specifically, amended independent claims 1 and 13 recite, among other things, that “patterns with respect to screen structure and semantics of the user interface are constructed based on a role of the user and wherein the patterns of the user interface are automatically selected for the user in the role from a common pool of user interface patterns based on the particular business activity.” As explained in Applicants’ disclosure, a user interface generated based on the user’s role may include one or more quick activity floorplans (e.g., the floorplans shown in FIG. 5). The activity floorplans provide, among other things, patterns with respect to screen structure and semantics on the user interface. More specifically, the patterns of the screen structure and layout are selected based on the particular business activity for a specific role of the user from “a common pool of user interface patterns” that have been predefined for use in activity floorplans. (See Applicants’ disclosure at page 24, paragraph 94). In this way, a user

interface according to amended claims 1 and 13 “provides information to the user based on tasks and events that the user needs to accomplish or monitor” in a specific role while simplifying the generation process by selecting the patterns suitable for the business activity for that role from a common pool of user interface patterns. (See Applicants’ Disclosure, at page 8, paragraph 46 and at page 24, paragraph 94).

In making the rejection of independent claims 1 and 13, the Examiner conceded that *Messinger* fails to show or suggest that “patterns of the user interface are selected from a common pool of user interface patterns based on the particular business activity.” Office Action, page 3. Instead, the Examiner relied on *Bartz* to show this feature. In particular, the Examiner contended that each element A, B, and C in FIG. 4A of *Bartz* “provides a particular pattern of the user interface” and collectively constitute the claimed “pool of user interface patterns.” Office Action, page 3. Contrary to the Examiner’s contention, Applicants submit that elements A, B, and C are merely icons in *Bartz*’s display, which are “selected by a user in a conventional manner. That is, for example, a user can position a cursor over an element and ‘click’ a cursor control (e.g., a mouse) to select an element.” Col. 8, lines 26-30. User selection of elements “result[s] in different windows or workspaces being opened.” Col. 8, lines 46-48. In view of the above, *Bartz* simply allows a user to select an icon A, B, or C to open a different window. *Bartz* fails to show or suggest that “the patterns of the user interface are automatically selected for the user in the role from a common pool of user interface patterns based on the particular business activity,” as recited in amended independent claims 1 and 13. *Bartz*, therefore, does not cure the deficiency of *Messenger*.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that at least because both *Messinger* and *Bartz* fail to show or suggest every feature of amended independent claims 1 and 13, the combination of *Messinger* and *Bartz* cannot render obvious amended claims 1 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicants also submit that dependent claims 2-12 and 14-24 depend from independent claims 1 and 13, respectively, and are, therefore, also not rendered obvious by the combination of references under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that this claimed invention, as amended, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art references cited against this application. Applicants therefore request the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

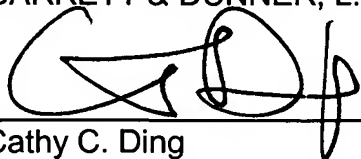
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